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SYG WALDHEIM ASKED AMBASSADOR BENNETT TO STOP BY HIS NEARBY OFFICE AT CONCLUSION MAY 28 SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. WALDHEIM SAID HE WANTED TO REPORT A MEETING HELD LAST WEEK IN PARIS BETWEEN HIS REPRESENTATIVE AUBRAC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM. THE TWO VIET-NAMESE HAD RAISED WITH AUBRAC POSSIBILITY OF FULL UN MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH DRV AND PRG. THEY WANTED WALDHEIM TO SOUND OUT INTERNATIONAL OPINION AT UN BEFORE GOING FARTHER WITH THE MATTER; IN OTHER WORDS, NEITHER DRV NOR PRG WANTS TO GO AHEAD AT THIS TIME IF THERE IS RISK OF THEIR SUFFERING EMBARRASSMENT OF BEING TURNED DOWN.

WALDHEIM SPECULATED ON THE MEANING FOR VIETNAMESE UNITY BY THE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TWO SEPARATE MEMBERSHIPS. HE ALSO WONDERED ABOUT REASONS BEHIND THEIR DESIRE TO "JUMP OVER" OBSERVERSHIP AND PUSH FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF USG COULD LET HIM KNOW ITS ATTITUDE ON UN MEMBERSHIP FOR EITHER OR BOTH VIET-NAMESE GOVERNMENTS. DEPARTMENTS REACTION REQUESTED
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